



IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An assembly for identifying and tracking an asset comprising:
 - a responding device adapted to be connected to an asset; and
 - an antenna electrically connected to said responding device and positioned about the exterior of said asset.
14. (Amended) The assembly of claim 70 wherein said responding device is positioned within a hole in said asset.
15. (Amended) The assembly of claim 70 wherein at least a portion of the interior of said asset has screw threads.
16. (Amended) The assembly of claim 70 wherein said second antenna is embedded in a ring having a threaded outer surface that is mating with said screw threads of said interior of said asset.
17. (Amended) An assembly for use as a fluid conduit comprising:
 - a tubular;
 - a responding device connected to said tubular; and
 - an antenna electrically connected to said responding device and extending substantially around the entire outer periphery of said tubular.
30. (Amended) The assembly of claim 71 wherein said responding device is positioned within a hole in said tubular.
31. (Amended) The assembly of claim 71 wherein at least a portion of the interior of said generally tubular body has screw threads.

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32. (Amended) The assembly of claim 71 wherein said second antenna is embedded in a ring having a threaded outer surface that is mating with said screw threads of said interior of said tubular.

37. (Amended) An assembly for use as a fluid conduit comprising:

a tubular;

a collar releasably secured to one end of said tubular, said collar comprising a generally tubular body;

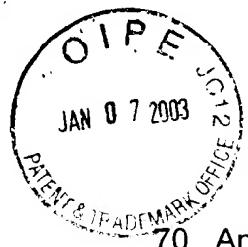
a responding device connected to said generally tubular body; and

an antenna electrically connected to said responding device and positioned about the exterior of said generally tubular body.

50. (Amended) The assembly of claim 72 wherein said responding device is positioned within a hole in said generally tubular body.

51. (Amended) The assembly of claim 72 wherein at least a portion of the interior of said generally tubular body has screw threads.

52. (Amended) The assembly of claim 72 wherein said second antenna is embedded in a ring having a threaded outer surface that is mating with said screw threads of said interior of said generally tubular body.



Please add the following new claims:

70. An assembly for identifying and tracking an asset comprising:

a responding device adapted to be connected to an asset;

a first antenna electrically connected to said responding device and extending

along the outer periphery of said asset; and

a second antenna electrically connected to said responding device and extending

along the inner periphery of said asset.

71. An assembly for use as a fluid conduit comprising:

a tubular;

a responding device connected to said tubular;

a first antenna electrically connected to said responding device and extending

along the outer periphery of said tubular; and

a second antenna electrically connected to said responding device and extending

along the inner periphery of said tubular.

72. An assembly for use as a fluid conduit comprising:

a tubular;

a collar releasably secured to one end of said tubular, said collar comprising a generally tubular body;

a responding device connected to said generally tubular body;

a first antenna electrically connected to said responding device and extending

along the outer periphery of said generally tubular body; and

a second antenna electrically connected to said responding device and extending

along the inner periphery of said generally tubular body.

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